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In re:

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For : GASKET WITH INTEGRAL CHANNEL AND PORT SEAL
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Honorable Sir:

LETTER

In response to the January 31, 2005, Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-10.

1-10. (Canceled)

11.(Original)For a vehicle transmission having a first component with a first mating surface and a second component with a second mating surface, a gasket for filling gaps and spaces between said first and second mating surfaces comprising: a) a gasket body fabricated from gasket material having opposed parallel surfaces for contacting said two mating surfaces; b) a plurality of openings in said gasket body capable of being registered with corresponding openings in said first and second mating surfaces; c) a plurality of channel apertures in said gasket body capable of being registered with corresponding channel apertures in the first and second mating surfaces; d) at least, one polymer

patch integral with said gasket body and surrounding said channel apertures, said at least one polymer patch forming a seal between said gasket body and the first and said second mating surfaces such that fluid can flow from one of the mating surfaces to the other of the mating surfaces through said gasket body without leaking; e) said two opposed parallel surfaces being planar except in the area of said at least one polymer patch.

12.(Original) The gasket of claim 11 wherein said at least one polymer patch is a silicone patch.

13.(Original) The gasket of claim 11 wherein said gasket material has a thickness of about 0.0085 inches.

REMARKS

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